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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT**

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the Patent Office on October 27, 2006. A petition for a five-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be required to maintain pendency of this application to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081.

Prior to an examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment and Response, in which:

- **Amendment to the claims** begins on page 2.
- **Remarks** begin on page 4.